GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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MODERNISATION OF RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have recently speeded up the process of modernisation in order to prevent rail accident;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) the amount to be earmarked for it?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Railways accords highest priority to safety in Train Operations. Safety in train operations is an ongoing anc continuous process. The provision of safety system and equipment are provided progressively depending upon the availability of funds.

The Railway Safety Review Committee set up under the chairmanship of Justice H.R.Khanna, a Retd. Judge of Supreme Court ir Part-I of their Report has recommended, provision of technical aids costing Rs.2727 crores and renewal of assets costing Rs.15,000/- crores, besides other recommendations for which no financial repercussion has been given. Action will be taken on those recommendations which are accepted by the Government and the provision of safety equipment and system will depend upon the availability of funds.